

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Favorable reconsideration of this application as presently amended and in light of the following discussion is respectfully requested.

Claims 20-24 are pending in this application. Claims 20 and 22-24 are amended by the present amendment.

In the outstanding Official Action, Claims 20 and 21 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §101 and Claims 20-24 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph. Claims 22-24 were indicated as including allowable subject matter.

Applicant gratefully acknowledges the indication that Claims 22-24 include allowable subject matter.

With regard to the rejection of Claims 20 and 21 under 35 U.S.C. §101, that rejection is respectfully traversed.

Amended Claim 20 recites "An information storage medium embodied as a recordable optical disc for use with an optical disc drive, wherein the recordable optical disc physically comprises a lead-in area located near a center of rotation of the disc, and a data area located outside of the lead-in area, said recordable optical disc including sectors for storing recorded information which includes control information and audio/video data having one or more still picture objects."

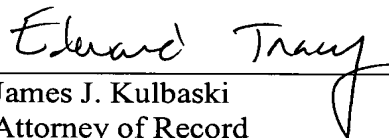
In the invention recited in Claim 20, a unique data structure of the control information is predetermined independently of the audio/video data, and a specific physical pattern of the claimed control information is fixed on the claimed disc. It is respectfully submitted that the resultant pattern of the control information physically fixed on the disc is a material part of the physical feature of the claimed disc. Accordingly, it is respectfully requested that the rejection of Claim 20 (and Claim 21 dependent therefrom) under 35 U.S.C. §101 be withdrawn.

With regard to the rejection of Claims 20-24 under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph, Claims 20 and 22-24 are amended to recite “a first area storing a still picture video file including a still picture VOB group” and “a second area storing a video recording manager information file including navigation data.” Claim 22 is amended to recite “generating the still picture video file” and “generating the navigation data.” Claim 23 is amended to recite “reproducing the still picture video file from the first area based on the reproduced navigation data.” Finally, Claim 24 is amended to recite “a second reproducer configured to reproduce the still picture video file from the first area based on the reproduced navigation data.” Accordingly, Claims 20-24 are in compliance with all requirements under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph.

Accordingly, in view of the present amendment, no further issues are believed to be outstanding and the present application is believed to be in condition for formal allowance. An early and favorable action to that effect is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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